

## HBWC President's Report

It's that time of year again, when your President has the dubious pleasure of presenting her "end of term" report card! It is with some satisfaction – trying to avoid feeling smug here – that I report we've "done well" this year!

The highlights – our membership numbers remain healthy, our bank balance is very healthy, and we had the privilege of hosting the Association of Scottish Businesswomen's Annual Conference in November, which went extremely well, despite a severe thunderstorm and the Drumossie Hotel's lights consequently failing amidst dinner (grateful thanks again to the Drumossie staff, who coped admirably in the darkness). We also now have a new website ([www.hbwc.co.uk](http://www.hbwc.co.uk)), for which I would mention a special thanks to our committee member, Lynne Clark. I'd encourage you to go look at the website, where you'll find opportunities to add information regarding yourself and your business interests.

Toyah Wilcox – and of course our Annual Awards Ceremony – ensured our Annual Charity Dinner attained the glittering heights for which it is now renowned.

Our monthly meetings attracted good attendances, with a wide variety of excellent speakers and topics. Culloden Battlefield, the Lifescan company and the new Aviemore Highland Resort were visited, and some fascinating presentations were received, including Serious Crime, the Highland Year of Culture 2007, Managing the Eastgate Centre, and David Sutherland of Tullochs. A Wine Tasting session – part of our March AGM - enthused us so much we repeated the exercise, this time with Champagne, for our Christmas session. In between, we hosted a Presentation Skills session, then put them into effect at the following meeting, with a number of members delivering presentations. On behalf of HBWC, I'd like to again offer my thanks to all who organised and participated in these sessions.

Our club continues to attract excellent levels of sponsorship and I'd like to express our grateful appreciation to all our sponsors, large and small, for their generous support.

We have one final engagement before I complete my term of office. Our Annual Charity Dinner is on Friday 17 March at the Drumossie Hotel – tickets are now on sale and, as usual, demand is very brisk, so don't delay booking your ticket.

It's been an exceptionally busy year and I really have to extend to the members of my committee my huge appreciation for their tireless efforts throughout. My heartfelt thanks to Heather Fraser, Sheila Fraser, Helen Miller, Elaine Fraser, Jenny Menzies, Jackie McGuinness, Fiona MacBeath, Susan Williams and Lynne Clark, without whom I'd have been completely lost.

And finally, my very best wishes to Sheila Fraser, your incoming President, for what I'm sure will prove a highly successful year for her and HBWC.

I've thoroughly enjoyed the experience – but I wouldn't want to repeat it in the near future!

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